

# *Iowa Fishing Report*

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The Iowa Department of Natural Resources issues a weekly fishing report on Thursdays in an effort to provide the latest information heading into the weekend. The weekly fishing report is compiled from information gathered from local bait shops, angler creel surveys, and county and state parks staff. For current information, contact the district fisheries office at the phone number listed at the end of each district report.

## **SOUTHWEST**

### **Lake Icaria**

Ice is usually 4 to 8 inches thick. Waterfowl are keeping an area in the north arm open. Use caution in other areas. Thickness is variable.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Crappie	Fair	The beach point and the old roadway are yielding a lot of crappie ranging between 8 and 10 inches.
Walleye	Fair	Several mid-sized walleye are being picked up from the old roadway on minnows.

### **Fogle Lake S.W.A.**

Ice is between 8 and 10 inches thick in most places.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Fair	Several mid-sized bluegills can be caught from the tree pile located about 75 yards north of the over-flow structure.
Crappie	Fair	A few crappie are being caught from the trees.

### **Lake of Three Fires**

Most of the lake has 4 to 10 inches of ice. Check thickness frequently

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Fair	A few nice bluegills are being caught from the tree pile just north of the center of the dam.

### **Green Valley Lake**

The lake has been lowered for a sediment removal project. Waterfowl have kept an area from the beach to the campground open. The fish are growing well and should be great for ice fishing.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Good	The tree piles just north of the center of the dam are holding some real big bluegills.

### **Three Mile Lake**

Most of the lake is froze over but the waterfowl have small areas of open water in the mid-lake area. Some areas with less than 2 inches of ice can be found in the mid-lake and upper reaches of the lake.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Crappie	Fair	Several crappies are being caught from the creek channels just west of the primitive camping area and the coves near the upper boat ramp.

### **Twelve Mile Creek Lake**

Most of the lake is covered with ice. An area of open water is located in the middle of the lower portion of the lake.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Good	The old roadway and the deeper areas of flooded trees are the most popular for bluegill.
Crappie	Fair	A few larger crappie are coming from the creek channels near dark or just after.
Walleye	Good	Several mid-sized walleye are being caught from the creek channels right before or just after dark.

### Walnut Creek Marsh

Ice is usually 6 inches thick but the aeration system is keeping two holes open the southwest corner.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Fair	Some real nice sized bluegills are being caught from the channel along the south dike.
Crappie	Fair	A few real nice crappie are being caught on minnows along the south dike channel.

**Ice conditions are improved. Most lakes usually have good ice but the waterfowl have kept some areas of the bigger lakes open. Panfish are biting well at most lakes. The walleyes are starting.**

### Nodaway Lake

Nodaway Lake is located 2 miles south of the city of Greenfield. Ice is 10 inches.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Fair	Bluegills are averaging 7.5 inches and can be caught on teardrops tipped with wax worms.
Crappie	Fair	Crappies are being caught with wax worms around cedar tree piles. Fish are 9-10 inches.

### Littlefield Lake

Littlefield is reported to have 8-10 inches of ice.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Fair	Bluegills can be caught with wax worms in 10 to 13 feet of water. Fish average 8 inches.
Crappie	Slow	Crappies are scattered with a few are being caught in the evenings using minnows. Fish average 9 inches.

### **Lake Anita**

Lake Anita was reported to have 10 inches of ice.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Fair	Bluegills are being caught on jigs tipped with wax worms in 18 to 20 feet of water. Bluegills are averaging 8 inches with fish up to 9.5 inches being caught.

### **Willow Lake**

Willow lake has 10 plus inches of good ice and extremely good water clarity.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Fair	Anglers are catching 8 inch bluegills with wax worms in 20 feet of water close to structure.
Crappie	Slow	An angler reported to have caught a few 10 inch crappies in 15 to 20 feet of water in the late afternoon.

### **Lake Manawa**

Manawa has variable ice thickness. Reports are anywhere from 7 to 10 inches. Most fishing has taken place around Tin Can Alley or the new and old beach.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Crappie	Slow	Crappies are being caught with minnows and wax worms. Most fish are 8 to 10 inches.

### **Cold Springs District Farm Ponds**

Numerous farm ponds in southern Iowa provides a good opportunity for a quality ice fishing trip. Remember to always get permission before fishing private ponds.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Fair	Bluegills are being caught using tear drops tipped with wax worms.
Crappie	Slow	Crappies are being caught using minnows or wax worms on larger ponds that support crappie populations. Later in the afternoon has been the best time to target crappies.

Ice conditions are similar to last week with reported 9 to 10 inches on most water bodies in S.W. Iowa. Caution is still needed at Greenfield Lake. Geese are keeping a small area of water open by the dam. For more information on fishing or ice conditions call the S.W. District Office at (712) 769-2587.

### Rock Creek Lake

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Good	Panfishing is remaining consistent. Both bluegill and crappie are being caught in good numbers fishing with waxworms in 8 to 12 foot of water. Morning and late afternoon have been the best times.

### Big Creek Lake

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Good	Bluegills are biting well. The brush piles on the West side of the lake south of the West ramp have been good. The best time seems to be late afternoon, especially the hour before dark. Waxies are the preferred bait.
Crappie	Fair	Crappies are being caught after dark. The fish that are being caught are coming from the roadbed and the 30 to 35 foot deep creek channel running between the East ramp and Ensign shelter. Use glowing tackle with waxworms, small live minnows, or just minnow heads.
Walleye	Fair	Crappie anglers are picking up many walleyes with most being short fish that were just stocked in October. Check any LEGAL sized walleye for tags near the tail. If one is caught, follow the instructions on the signs near the boat ramps to collect a cash reward.

## Hickory Grove Lake

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Excellent	Bluegill fishing is excellent. The best bite is the hour before dark. They are being caught over sunken habitat in depths of 15 foot or greater. There is plenty of good habitat to search for in the coves, out from many of the points, and southeast of the island. The habitat in the lower half of the lake has been producing the best.
Crappie	Good	Crappie are being caught. For better success stay out the hour or two past sunset. They are coming off some of the same habitat as the bluegills. However, better crappie success is coming from more main lake habitat than back in the coves. Glow jigs with waxworms or minnows are working.

## Lake Ahquabi

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Fair	Anglers continue to pick up some decent bluegill with waxworms. The most productive areas are the large sunken cedars in 16 to 20 foot out from the steep, west bank across from the beach area.

## Ankeny Lake (DMACC)

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Good	Decent sized bluegills are being pulled through the ice. Concentrate on the South central portion of the lake.
Rainbow Trout	Good	The next trout stocking will be Saturday, January 29 at noon. A family fishing event will be held with this stocking. Rainbow trout from the previous stocking are still being caught through the ice by tipping ice jigs or jigging spoons with waxworms or minnows. If targeting just trout and don't want bluegills, stick with small minnows and fish in a little shallower water.

### Ada Hayden Heritage Park Lake

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Crappie	Fair	Some good size crappie are being caught near the steep north shore of the south pit. The best bite is in the evening.
Rainbow Trout	Good	2,200 trout were stocked Friday, January 14th. They like to travel in schools around the perimeter. Try staying in the 5 to 10 foot contour interval. They can be caught on most ice fishing jigs or jigging spoons tipped with waxworms or fish with a small live minnow on a hook. They are confined to the North pit.

**Fishing success remains similar to last week. Ice conditions are excellent. Most bodies of water are still gaining ice and currently have 12 plus inches. In general, the best bites have been happening after 4PM. For questions on Central Iowa lakes and rivers contact Ben Dodd or Andy Otting at 515-432-2823.**

### SOUTHEAST

#### Red Haw Lake

Ice depths have been reported to be around 6 inches. Use caution when venturing out because there have been some variation in ice thickness. The geese had been keeping an area open by the dam and the beach so avoid that area.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Fair	Use teardrop jigs tipped with a waxworm.

#### Hawthorn Lake (aka Barnes City Lake)

The lake has been drained for a lake renovation and work has begun around the lake. New fish habitat areas are being built along with some new jetties.

#### Albia (lower)

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Fair	Use small jigs and fish around the structure that was added the last few years.

### Lake Sugema

Use caution when venturing out onto the ice. The standing timber can impede the formation of good ice. There is open water along the north shore and around the north boat ramp. There is about 5 inches of ice uplake where most of the fishing is taking place. Angling is also occurring on Tug Forks West with some bluegill being caught. Tug Forks East still has some areas of open water so use caution.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Slow	Use small jigs tipped with a waxworm. Try fishing within a foot of the lake bottom.

### Rathbun Reservoir

The lake level is at 902.66 with 904.0 being normal pool. The main lake has frozen over. Ice thickness reports are as follows: Island View Dedication site boat ramp-10 inches, Glenwood ramp-10 inches, and Atwell's Landing-10.5 inches. Use caution because ice thickness has been variable.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Crappie	Slow	Use teardrops jigs tipped with a waxworm or a minnow. Find areas with submerged structure and fish over them. Look for structure in the Honey Creek cove or in Buck Creek.

**For further fishing reports in south central Iowa please call the Rathbun fish hatchery at 641-647-2406**

### Central Park Lake

Bluegill fishing the the Hale Wildlife ponds has been good as well.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Fair	

### Lake Macbride District Farm Ponds

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Good	

**For more information contact the Lake Macbride Fisheries Station at 319-624-3615.**



### **Iowa Lake**

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Slow	

### **Kent Park Lake**

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Slow	Fish around brush. Size has been good.

### **Lake Macbride**

Fishing pressure and success has decreased here.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Fair	Fish around almost any structure in 10-20'. Size is generally small.
Crappie	Slow	There are still a few nice sized fish being taken off brush piles in about 15'. Keep moving until you find fish. Find areas that have not had much pressure.
Walleye	Slow	Walleyes have become very tough to catch now. Once again, look for areas that have not had fishing pressure.

### **Pleasant Creek Lake**

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Slow	Try around brush piles in the mornings and evenings.
Crappie	No Report	
Yellow Perch	Fair	Fish deep water with a jig/waxie. Fish have been ranging from 4-11" with most around 7".

### **Diamond Lake**

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Fair	Fish around brush. Size has been mediocre.
Crappie	Fair	Evenings have been best. Size has been small.

### **Union Grove Lake**

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Fair	Fish around brush. The area west of the east ramp has been most popular.
Crappie	Slow	A few crappies are being picked up along with the bluegills. Dusk has been the most productive time.

### **Coralville Reservoir**

Use caution if venturing on or around areas of current.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Crappie	Slow	A few crappies are being taken off brush piles in coves.

### **Sand Lake**

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Fair	
Crappie	Slow	

### **Cedar River (La Porte City to Cedar Rapids)**

The following is based off a report for the stretch between Palo and Cedar Rapids.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Crappie	Fair	

**For more information, contact the Lake Macbride Fisheries Station at 319-624-3615.**

### **Lake Geode**

Ice conditions are improving. Across from the beach there has been a few anglers out with about 4 inches of ice there. Down at the middle of the lake and on down to the dam the ice remains unsafe as the geese have just left this area.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Slow	Anglers are fishing some of the coves at the upper end of the lake without much luck.

### **Lake Belva Deer**

The county conservation board has the roads cleared and sanded around the South ramp.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Fair	Anglers are still catching fish in the early morning but they are doing some sorting.

### **Lake of the Hills**

Angling pressure is increasing. As always stay away from the boathouse where there is an aerator to protect the docks from ice damage.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Good	Work the brush piles in the deeper water. The catch rate is improving.
Crappie	Good	Anglers are picking up crappies in the same places they are catching the bluegills. Look for the crappies to be suspended above the bluegills.

### **Lambach Lake**

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Good	Work the habitat and the drop offs along the old creek bottom that runs down the middle of the lake.

### **Lake Darling District Farm Ponds**

Good ice conditions. Unfortunately that includes the 1/2 of ice snow mix on the ground around the ponds after last Monday's rains.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Good	The bluegills remain near the bottom around the structure.
Crappie	Good	Crappies are normally anywhere between 1 to 3 feet off the bottom.

**For more information on the above lakes call the Lake Darling Fisheries Station at (319) 694-2430**

## MISSISSIPPI RIVER

### Mississippi River Pool 19

Tailwater stage at Lock and Dam 18 is 5.89 feet. Boat ramps are being reported as frozen in. Most ice fishing reports are coming from area ponds.

### Mississippi River Pool 18

Tailwater stage at Lock and Dam 17 is 12.09 feet. Tailwater stage has risen close to two feet since last week. Boats are not able to launch at Toolesboro due to the ramp freezing in. No ice fishing information for this pool has been received. Most ice fishing reports are coming from area ponds.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	No Report	
Crappie	No Report	
Sauger	No Report	
Walleye	No Report	

### Mississippi River Pool 17

Tailwater stage at Lock and Dam 16 is 7.66 feet. Tailwater stage has risen close to a foot since last week. The rise in river levels has made for some unsafe ice conditions in the backwaters especially along the edges. Ice fishing is not advisable in Big Timber at this time. Most ice fishing reports are coming from area ponds.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	No Report	
Crappie	No Report	
Sauger	No Report	We have received no information on tailwater fishing for saugers.

### Mississippi River Pool 16

Tailwater stage at Lock and Dam 15 is 7.66 feet. The Marquette St. ramp is being reported as frozen in.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	No Report	
Crappie	No Report	
Sauger	No Report	

**Pools 16-19: Boat ramps throughout Pools 16-19 are being reported as frozen in. There has been a rise in river levels that has made for some poor ice conditions in the backwaters, especially along the shoreline. Ice fishing in the backwaters is not advisable at this time. For more fishing information on Pools 16-19 contact the Fairport Fish Hatchery at 563-263-5062.**

### Mississippi River Pool 11

Ice depth generally 10-12 inches or more but caution should be used in areas that have current or are insulated by deep snow. You can still launch a boat off the Guttenberg City ramp to access the tailwaters but the lip of ice at the waters edge of the ramp may cause problems.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Good	Some bluegill are being caught marina at Mud Lake and in Zollicoffers in lower Pool 11 but it is often "hit or miss". Generally small bluegills are being reported from the Marina. The bite at times has been a day bite with late afternoon producing the most fish. Generally most anglers say the bite is slowing down but it can quickly turn on.
Crappie	Slow	A few nice crappies in Zollicoffer's Lake by Dubuque and Swift Slough by Guttenberg.
Sauger	No Report	Anglers can access the tailwaters of lock and dam 10 through the city ramp in Guttenberg. Winter water levels are very high and current is stronger than many winter anglers are accustomed to. The DNR fish hatchery ramp is completely covered with ice and anglers will have to push boat over ice to launch. Not much activity was reported this week!
Walleye	Slow	Although anglers can access the tailwaters of lock and dam 10 through the city ramp in Guttenberg, fishing reports have been slow.
Yellow Perch	Good	During later season ice often yellow perch fishing can get better. Perch can withstand a slight bit of current and sometimes are found in backwater areas with minimal flow. Bluegills typically avoid such areas. Some very large yellow perch up to 14 inches are being reported.

### Mississippi River Pool 10

Ice depth generally 10-12 inches but caution should be used in areas that have current or are insulated by deep snow. In the Sny Magill area near Effigy Mounds Park it is safe to cross over into Norwegian Lake but do practice caution when crossing over Wylusing Slough to Methodist Lake.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Fair	Good catches of bluegills reported near Ambrough Slough by Prairie Du Chien and in the Sny Magill area decent catches reported in Ice Lake, Sandbar Slough and Methodist Lake. Bussey Lake has slowed a bit but still is cranking out some bluegills. Bite seems to be best in late afternoons
Crappie	Fair	A few nice crappies in Bussey but fishing has slowed. A few nice crappies in Sny Magill area of Ice and Methodist Lake.
Northern Pike	Fair	Some smaller northern pike were being caught on tip-ups using larger shiners as bait.
Sauger	Slow	The tailwaters still have a lot of current due to the high water going into the winter. This has made fishing for sauger difficult as they do not appear to be in their normal winter locations.
Yellow Perch	Fair	Some nice perch reported from sloughs in the Prairie Du Chien area and a few in Bussey Lake. Yellow perch fishing can get better later in the winter and some jumbo yellow perch exist in many of the backwaters of Pool 10.



### Mississippi River Pool 9

Ice depth generally 8-12 inches but caution should be used in areas that have current or are insulated by deep snow. More open water exists then usual for the winter period. This is due to the higher water levels we are experiencing on the Mississippi River this winter.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Good	Good catches in Minnesota Slough and Indian Lake by New Albin. Near Lansing fishing in the Marina and in Phillippi Lake has been good at times. DeSoto bay on the Wisconsin side of the River is also seeing lots of fishing pressure.
Northern Pike	Fair	A few reports of pike taken on tip ups in the minnesoat Slough area. The northern pike population is very robust, and many pike are present in most backwater systems.
Yellow Perch	Fair	A few nice perch reported from Shore Slough and Minnesota Slough although fishing pressure appears to be lower. The Yellow perch bit can get better later in the winter and some jumbo yellow perch are being reported in Pool 9.

**Generally good ice conditions but avoid flowing sloughs and large snow covered areas as snow insulates the ice preventing complete freezing. Ice thickness in many areas is 8-12 inches, but caution should be used. The river is currently very high for winter conditions and open pockets of water exist in many places that have current flow.**

### NORTHEAST

#### Volga Lake

Much of the fishing activity is taking place in the afternoon. Volga Lake has about 18" of ice.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Good	
Yellow Perch	Fair	

### **Lake Hendricks**

Most of the fish activity has been happening between mid afternoon to dusk. There's about 18" of ice on the lake.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Good	
Crappie	Fair	

### **Lake Meyer**

Early afternoon continues to be the best time to fish Lake Meyer. Anglers are catching a variety of fish using waxworms and a jig. The majority of fish are suspended in 7ft. of water but there are some fish still sitting on the bottom.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Good	
Crappie	Slow	Crappies are small.
Largemouth Bass	No Report	
Yellow Perch	No Report	

### **Decorah District Streams**

Anglers are doing well on area streams. Trout have been taken on northeast Iowa streams with traditional streamer patterns such as the Light Spruce, soft-hackle patterns including #14 Orange & Partridge and #18 Purple & Starling, and #16 and #18 Beadhead Prince Nymphs. Dry fly action has been minimal. For folks who spin fish, try using 32 or 64 oz natural hair jigs. Urban ponds are now being stocked, weather permitting. For information on when and where, please call the trout stocking number

Ice depths vary from lake to lake but are ranging from 14" to 18". This is the time of year when fish are suspended in the water column. Trout streams continue to provide good action. A good trout stream will remain open even during periods of cold weather. For more information on a particular river or stream, please contact the Decorah Fish Hatchery at 563-382-8324.

## NORTHWEST

### Big Spirit Lake

Fishing has slowed down the past week with current weather conditions. Some anglers are still getting limits of walleye and perch.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Walleye	Good	Fish rock bars or weed lines at sunrise or sunset with jigging lures tipped with a minnow head and dead sticking with a minnow on a small hook below a split shot.
Yellow Perch	Good	Fishing has slowed for this species however fish are being caught on the main lake basin using small ice jigs tipped with wigglers or waxworms. Most action, Buffalo Run, Big Stoney and Cottonwood Points.

### East Okoboji Lake

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Walleye	Good	Use jigging lures tipped with a minnow head near Parks Marina.

### West Okoboji Lake

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Good	Fish in the bays with small ice jigs tipped with wax worms/wigglers or plastics.

### Scharnberg Pond

On December 18th Scharnberg Park 5 miles west of Spencer on Highway B24 recieved the first of two trout stocking. The second trout stocking is scheduled for around January 22nd. Please refer to the Iowa Fishing Regulations Booklet or the Iowa DNR website for trout stamp requirements.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Rainbow Trout	Good	Trout anglers at other lakes in Iowa have reported great success using jigging spoons tipped with wax worms or synthetic trout baits.

**Ice conditions are good on area lakes; however extreme caution should be used when ever going out onto the ice. For more fishing information on the Spirit Lake area call (712)-336-1840.**

### **Briggs Woods Lake**

Ice thickness is 10 to 12 inches. Bluegill are biting on small jigs tipped with wax worms. A few crappies are being caught on minnows. The best bite is from 4:00pm until dark

### **Lower Pine Lake**

Ice thickness is 9 to 12 inches. Bluegill and crappies are biting on small jigs tipped with a wax worm.

### **Lake Smith**

Ice thickness is 15 to 17 inches. Bluegills are biting in the late afternoon on waxworms.

### **Lake Catherine**

ice thickness is 14 to 19 inches. Bluegills are biting on wax worms at dusk.

### **Clear Lake**

Ice thickness is 17 to 20 inches. Yellow bass fishing is fair, fishing in 6 to 10 feet of water using a small jig tipped with a spike or small minnow. The best bite is from 4pm until dark. A few walleye, crappie and perch are being caught using the same technique.

### **Lake Cornelia**

Ice thickness is 18 to 20 inches. Small yellow bass are biting wax worms.

### **Little Wall Lake**

Ice thickness is 12 to 13 inches. Bluegills and Crappies are biting on waxworms in 10-12 feet of water.

### **Rice Lake**

Ice thickness is 18 to 20 inches. Yellow perch are biting on wax worms, its going to take some sorting to get a limit of keepers.

### **Silver Lake (Worth)**

Ice thickness is 15 to 19 inches. No fishing activity reported

### **Bluebill Lake**

Ice thickness is 17 to 19 inches. Bluegill and a few perch are biting on wax worms. The best bite is a first light.

### **Interstate Park Lake**

Ice thickness is 15 to 17 inches. A few Bluegill and Crappie are biting at dusk.

**For more information on fishing in the area lakes and rivers, call us at the Clear Lake Fisheries Office at (641) 357-3517.**

### **Yellow Smoke Park Lake**

Yellow Smoke has about 9 inches of good, clear ice. Use caution when near the handicapped accessible dock because slush pockets have formed near it. The water is extremely clear.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Fair	Anglers can expect to catch about a half dozen jumbo bluegill on a fishing trip to Yellow Smoke. Anglers have been targeting the submerged trees in 18-22 feet of water. The water is extremely clear and the bluegill are very finicky. Anglers have been using a camera to fish because the bite is so light. Use the smallest tackle and lightest line possible.
Largemouth Bass	Slow	Anglers report a lot of bass around the submerged trees, but very few of them bite.

### **Crawford Creek Impoundment**

There is about 10 inches of ice on Crawford Creek. Fishing has slowed some at Crawford Creek since last week. All fish are biting on wax worms. Target the area southwest of the fishing pier in about 17 feet of water.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Fair	Nice sized bluegill are being caught.
Crappie	Slow	A few nice crappie (around 10 inches) are being caught while fishing for bluegill.
Yellow Perch	Slow	A few yellow perch (around 10 inches) are also being caught.

### **Badger Lake**

Fishing has been fair for bluegill and crappie. Ice is 15 inches.

### **Brushy Creek Lake**

There's good ice on most of the lake, but stay clear of the dam. Anglers are catching bluegill, crappie, and perch, but most of them are small.

### **Bacon Creek Lake**

1,500 rainbow trout were stocked on January 8th. Ice is at least 12 inches thick. Anglers need a trout stamp in addition to their regular fishing license to fish for or keep trout. Daily limit of trout is 5.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Rainbow Trout	Excellent	Anglers are still catching a lot of rainbow trout. Fish 5 to 10 down and use small flashy lures baited with wax worms, a piece of nightcrawler, or a small minnow.

### **North Twin Lake**

Yellow bass fishing has been good at North Twin the last couple of weeks, but there is little information on fishing there this week. Anglers were targeting the north cluster of habitat structures in the southwest corner of the lake.

### **Swan Lake**

Ice at Swan Lake is anywhere from 8 to 10 inches thick. The aeration system has been turned on so there is open water and weak ice around the fish house, the fish cleaning station, and east of the fish house. Fishing is slow at Swan Lake.

### **Black Hawk Lake**

On Black Hawk Lake walleye must be at least 15 inches in length to keep and only three per day may be kept. There is about 13 inches of good, clear ice on Black Hawk Lake. The winter aeration system has been started and there is now open water and weak ice in the town bay area.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Walleye	Slow	Anglers are still catching a few walleye, but most are sublegal fish. Try fishing the rock pile off of Crescent Park, the deep hole off of Ice House Point, or the dredge cuts near Denison Beach.

### **Great Western Park Lake**

Anglers are catching bluegill and crappie with an occasional bass.

### **Arrowhead Lake**

Arrowhead Lake has about 10 inches of good ice. There are a lot fish using the new habitat structures on the west side of the lake.

Fish Name	Status	Comments
Bluegill	Fair	Bluegill are averaging 8.5 inches.
Yellow Perch	Fair	Most of the yellow perch that have been caught are small.

**For more information on the lakes and rivers in this area contact Ben Wallace or Don Herrig at the Black Hawk Fish Management Office in Lake View at 712-657-2638.**